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Examiner/GAU: Thomas J. Druan, Jr., of AU 3724

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Title: BLADE WITH MICROSCOPIC ...

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN R.C.E.

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This paper is submitted within the one-month extension period following the Notice of Appeal of February 3, 2003. A check for \$430.00 is attached to cover the extension fee of \$55.00 and the RCE fee of \$375.00 (Applicant is a small entity).

Prior to consideration, please amend:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 7-16 without prejudice, and amend claim 1:

1. (Amended) A blade, comprising:

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a substrate including a specular surface, wherein at least some reflected image is visible on the surface; and

a thin, hard plate deposited on the specular surface;

wherein the substrate is beveled toward a cutting edge of the blade; and

wherein the cutting edge comprises the thin, hard plate;

whereby the cutting edge is straight in a cutting direction.